

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title of the application at the top of page 1 of the specification as follows:

~~IMPROVED~~ EDGEWISE ORTHODONTIC BRACKET WITH CHARACTER BASE

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 20 as follows:

~~Figs. 5A-D~~ Figs. 5A-C illustrate labial, side and end views of the modified embodiment of the present invention illustrated in Figs. 4A-C, with a central auxiliary slot;

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 15 as follows:

One embodiment of the body of an edgewise bracket 10 of the present invention is illustrated in Figs. 1A-C and 2A-D, with various modifications, modalities and an exemplary auxiliary reflected by Figs. 3A-C, 4A-E, [[5A-D]] 5A-C, 6A-C and 7A-B, and with various base structures and as illustrated in Figs. 8-18. Corresponding features are referenced by common reference numerals.